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FOR AMBASSADOR AKINS

SUBJECT: BRIEFING OF ARAMCO BOARD

1. DURING OCTOBER 26 MEETING WHICH SECRETARY HAD WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF MAJOR U.S. OIL FIRMS, IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT ARAMCO BOARD SCHEDULED MEET DURING WEEK NOVEMBER 11 IN DHAHRAN. EXECUTIVES UNDERSTOOD FROM CONVERSATION THAT BOARD MEMBERS WOULD BE BRIEFED ON SITUATION BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE FOR SAUDI ARABIA.

2. IN VIEW OF SECRETARY'S UPCOMING VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA JUST PRIOR TO BOARD MEETING AND BECAUSE OF SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE BOARD MEMBERS DEPART U.S., WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MORE DESIRABLE THAT YOU BRIEF ARAMCO OFFICIALS, (FOLMAR, MACDONALD, HEDLAND, MCQUINN) PERHAPS IN DHAHRAN ON NOVEMBER 10. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY RE WHAT YOU CAN DO IN THIS REGARD. KISSINGER

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